

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Idaho Career Information System Launches Fall Workshops

As the Idaho Career Information System looks to its 31<sup>st</sup> year, it is launching its annual fall workshops to bring school counselors, career development specialists and others up to date on the enhancements made to the only comprehensive source of Idaho-specific career information on jobs, career requirements and postsecondary schools.

Seven workshops are scheduled over the next three weeks:

- Sept. 23, North Idaho College Workforce Training Center, 525 W. Clearwater Loop in Post Falls.
- Sept. 24, Lewis-Clark State College Activity Center West in Lewiston.
- Sept. 27-28, College of Western Idaho in Nampa.
- Sept. 30, Idaho Department of Labor, 317 W. Main St. in Boise.
- Oct. 13, Eastern Idaho Technical College Alex Creek Building in Idaho Falls.
- Oct. 14, Idaho State University Roy F. Christiansen Building in Pocatello.
- Oct. 15, College of Southern Idaho Taylor Administration/Student Union.

The day-long workshops will cover the various components of the Career Information System, which is already available at no charge in all 25 Idaho Department of Labor offices, most public libraries and nearly every school district. Free access to the basic information in the system will be extended to the general public in November.

Additional financial support from the Idaho Department of Labor, which administers the system, has allowed basic fees to be eliminated. A nominal fee will remain for access to enhanced exploration tools, portfolios, administrative support services and modules such as the IDEAS assessment and Peterson's Practice Tests.

Among the enhancements this fall are a course planner that allows creation of customizable individual graduation plans for any secondary or postsecondary school, tutorials on résumé writing, the universal encouragement program that collects student responses to career and education needs to help refine programs, an expanded component providing information on the military and 26 new entries to the real world interviews component where people discuss their occupations.

The Career Information System at [www.idahocis.org](http://www.idahocis.org) contains the most current and comprehensive information about financial assistance, scholarships and sources of education or training needed to qualify for specific jobs.

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